

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A furniture component comprising:
 - a base element comprising an enlarged edge portion;
 - a first securing member comprising a channel, wherein the enlarged edge portion is disposed in the channel;
 - a fabric piece disposed around at least a portion of the first securing member; and
 - a second securing member disposed around the first securing member with the fabric piece secured between the first and second securing members.
2. The furniture component of claim 1 wherein the channel comprises a first channel and wherein one of the first securing member and the second securing member comprises a ridge, and the other of the first securing member and the second securing member comprises a second channel, wherein the ridge is disposed in the second channel.
3. The furniture component of claim 2 wherein the first securing member comprises the ridge and the second securing member comprises the second channel.
4. The furniture component of claim 3 wherein the first securing member comprises a second ridge, and wherein the second securing member comprises a third channel, wherein the second ridge is disposed in the third channel.

5. The furniture component of claim 1 further comprising at least one fastener securing the first securing member to the enlarged edge portion of the base element.
6. The furniture component of claim 5 wherein the at least one fastener comprises a plurality of fasteners engaging the first securing member on opposite sides of the channel.
7. The furniture component of claim 6 wherein the fasteners are selected from the group consisting of staples, screws, nails, and bonding.
8. The furniture component of claim 1 wherein the channel comprises a first channel and wherein the first securing member further comprises a gripping member defining in part a second channel.
9. The furniture component of claim 8 wherein the gripping member comprises a ridge extending towards the base element.
10. The furniture component of claim 8 wherein the gripping member comprises a first gripping member and the second securing member further comprises a second gripping member, the second gripping member engaging the second channel of the first securing member to secure the second securing member to the first securing member.
11. The furniture component of claim 1 wherein the base element forms part of a chair.
12. The furniture component of claim 11 wherein the base element forms part of a backrest.
13. The furniture component of claim 12 wherein the backrest comprises a compliant material with a pattern of holes.
14. A furniture component comprising:

a base element comprising an edge portion;
a securing member comprising a first channel and a second channel, wherein the edge portion is disposed in the first channel; and
a fabric piece disposed within the second channel.

15. The furniture component of claim 14 wherein the securing member comprises a first securing member and further comprising a second securing member disposed around the first securing member with the fabric piece secured between the first and second securing members.
16. The furniture component of claim 14 wherein the securing member comprises a first arm, a second arm, and a gripping member, the first arm and the gripping member defining at least in part the second channel.
17. The furniture component of claim 16 wherein the gripping member comprises a ridge extending inwardly towards the first arm.
18. The furniture component of claim 14 wherein the first channel opens in a first direction and the second channel opens in a second direction different from the first direction.
19. The furniture component of claim 14 wherein the base element forms part of a backrest.
20. A furniture component comprising:
a base element having an edge portion;
a securing member comprising a first arm, a second arm, an outer surface, and an inner surface defined in part by the first and second arms, the inner surface disposed around the edge portion of the base

element, wherein the first arm includes an inwardly facing lip engaging the base element; and

a piece of fabric attached to the outer surface of the first securing member.

21. The furniture component of claim 20 wherein the second arm includes an inwardly facing lip, and wherein the lips of the first and second arms engage the base element to secure the securing member thereto.
22. The furniture component of claim 20 wherein the securing member comprises a first securing member and further comprising a second securing member disposed around the first securing member with the piece of fabric secured between the first and second securing members.
23. The furniture component of claim 22 wherein the second securing member comprises an inner layer made of a thermoplastic material and an outer layer made of a thermoplastic elastomer material.
24. The furniture component of claim 20 wherein the piece of fabric is mechanically attached to the securing member.
25. The furniture component of claim 20 wherein the base element comprises an enlarged edge portion, and wherein the lip of the securing member engages the base element at the enlarged edge portion.
26. The furniture component of claim 25 wherein the securing member comprises a channel, the channel comprising an interior and a mouth, the interior of the channel having a first width and the mouth having a second width, wherein the first width is greater than the second width.
27. The furniture component of claim 26 wherein the second width is smaller than a thickness of the enlarged edge.

28. The furniture component of claim 20 wherein the securing member comprises a plurality of notches spaced along at least part of the length of the securing member.
29. The furniture component of claim 20 wherein the base element forms part of a chair.
30. The furniture component of claim 29 wherein the base element forms part of a backrest.
31. A furniture component comprising:
 - a base element;
 - a fabric piece disposed around at least a portion of the base element;
 - and
 - a securing member disposed around the base element with the fabric piece secured between the base element and the securing member;
 - wherein one of the base element and the securing member comprises a ridge, and the other of the base element and the securing member comprises a channel, the channel adapted to engage the ridge to secure the securing member around the base element.
32. A device for attaching a piece of fabric to a furniture component comprising:
 - a first securing member comprising a first channel; and
 - a second securing member adapted to fit around the first securing member and to secure a piece of fabric between the first and second securing members;

wherein one of the first securing member and the second securing member comprises a ridge, and the other of the first securing member and the second securing member comprises a second channel, the second channel adapted to engage the ridge to secure the second securing member around the first securing member.

33. The device of claim 32 wherein the first securing member further comprises a third channel, the third channel adapted to secure the piece of fabric to the first securing member.
34. A method of attaching a piece of fabric to a furniture component comprising:
 - providing a first securing member comprising a channel;
 - disposing an enlarged edge of a furniture component into the channel;
 - disposing a piece of fabric around at least a portion of the first securing member; and
 - disposing a second securing member around the first securing member and thereby securing the piece of fabric therebetween.
35. The method of claim 34 wherein the channel comprises a first channel and the first securing member comprises a first ridge and the second securing member comprises a second channel, wherein the disposing the second securing member around the first securing member comprises engaging the second channel with the first ridge.
36. The method of claim 34 wherein the channel comprises a first channel and wherein the first securing member comprises a second channel, wherein the disposing the piece of fabric around at least a portion of the first securing member comprises inserting the piece of fabric into the second channel.

37. A method of attaching a piece of fabric to a chair comprising:
 - attaching a piece of fabric to a first securing member, the first securing member comprising a channel;
 - disposing an enlarged edge portion of a chair component into the channel; and
 - disposing a second securing member around the first securing member with the piece of fabric secured between the first securing member and the second securing member.
38. The method of claim 37 wherein the attaching the piece of fabric to the first securing member comprises mechanically fastening the piece of fabric to the first securing member.